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Mr. Will Kempton, Director  
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 FSTIP Amendment No. 18 – Council of Fresno County Governments  
(COFCG) 2004/05 – 2006/07 FTIP

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 18 to the COFCG's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 30, 2006. COFCG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 2006-01 on January 26, 2006, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the COFCG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

This amendment was requested by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to modify funding for a project in the lump sum Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program. Federal HBRR and local match amounts were decreased in FY 2004/05 and 2005/06 and increased in FY 2006/07.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the COFCG FTIP by this amendment do not require new emissions modeling because they include projects determined to be the types listed in 40 CFR 93.126 & 127 as being exempt from any regional emissions analysis. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Region IX office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Single Mode Amendments.



This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the COFCG's FTIP Amendment No. 18 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of the FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wade Hobbs

For  
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